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# 100th Anniversary



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*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church  
211 Jones School road  
Mount Airy, North Carolina  
July 2005*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church*





*Elder James Joyce, Pastor of Ararat M. Baptist Church*

*Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist  
Church  
History*

*The Early Years*



December, 20, 1902.

The Ararat Missionary Baptist Church meeting met at 8:00 first was singing By the pastor. Then a reading was read By the pastor, then prayer was also offered By the pastor. then prayer was offered again By Brother Allread, then the pastor selected a nother song, then the pastor declare the house ready for business,

then the fellowship of the Church was called and all was in fellowship. then the reading of the last min was called and it was called in order.

Then some very particular business transacted.

then the meeting of the Church will be on Saturday night before the third Sunday in January, then singing By the Chor. and dismissed by the pastor

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June the 20 1902  
The ant mission B.B. Bates

Church met 9 o'clock P.M. Laine  
and more reading by the  
class of Bates and prayer was  
offered by Prather Bates  
It has been more and  
seconded that sisters leave school  
will be excluded from the  
church on the account of being  
in a dispute it was moved and  
seconded that the pick out delegates  
is for at that church the fore deacons  
are appointed for delegates  
was moved and seconded that  
the Will Preser the delegate  
of the church it was moved and  
seconded that the Will Preser our  
cor amandament meeting and that  
the church should guard

of Thomas D. Bates for the Will  
and the church for the house

and the church for the Will  
and the church for the house



# Resolutions

1902

We the Board resolve to make the following Report. As this is the first of the year of our pastoral work.

And as we look back of our work we see so much room for a betterment.

It has been when our years work was completed we had to guess at our work, as what had been did and what had been paid out and what had been paid in.

So we want to know definite then when we get ready to make out our letter to the Association we will know just where to take hold of we offer Bro Robert Dyson as a finance Sec to make his report to our Church Clerk his report shall be checked, and placed on the Church Minute.

Brothers & Sisters our times for service is at the Hour of Eleven (11 am.) Three o'clock (3 p.m.) It is a good method for our pastor to be in the the pulpit at hour which was suggested above.

Yours Truly,

J. Water Bouman, J. J. Boules, Robinson  
The Deacon Board.

Article One

Resolutions on Memberships and Finance. Our Motto is to live from Henceforth.

Be it resolved that Any Member male, or Female, with Membership in Graciat Church and living within the bounds of the Church, shall Attend its regular Church meeting one time in every three months. If Providential hinderence occur to Any Member, Said Member shall thoroughly Investigate. If probable Cause is found, the Church shall excuse. failure to do so is a violation of the Church Rule, and said Member is unworthy of Membership and becomes Automatically excluded from the Church.



## Article Two

Be it Resolved that every member male, or Female, with membership in Grarat Church shall, help support the pastor, to some extent, or degree, according to his, or her ability, except widows, orphans, sick, & afflicted, of who shall be exempted from said rule. Any failing to do so, shall thoroughly be investigated by the Decon board and if found guilty, of said rule, said member is unworthy of membership, and becomes automatically excluded from the Church.

### Article Three

Be it Resolved that no Church member, male or female shall infringe upon another member of the church in scandalous communication of any kind falsley whether talking with members of the church or sinners. to do so is to impeach said member which is a violation of the church rule. Any member impeaching another is not worthy of membership and when proven guilty, he comes automatically excluded from the church.

## Article four

Be it Resolved that if any member male, or female, found or caught, and proven beyond a reasonable doubt by any Church member, playing cards in any form whether gambling or sociably is a public offence unto the Church or dancing in any form or drinking intoxicating drinks, whether drunk or sociably, is public offence unto the Church, and said member is unworthy of membership and becomes automatically excluded from the Church

## Article five

Be it Resolved that these resolutions be read in monthly Church meetings, if found worthy for doctrine and reproof, be it resolved that they become a clause in the Constitution of the Church Rule.



This is to Certify that 25 twenty five people of Ararat gave \$2.00 each to buy a plot of land from Mr. J. C. Barker for a cemetery. And an agreement was made to give each one a lot 16 ft square. provided with walks 2 and 4 ft wide. And after each of the 25 people got their lot the remainder of the land was to be run off in lots 16 ft square and sold for \$2.00 each. And the money collected for these lots was to be divided equally between the first 25 people that bought. It was further agreed that any one buying a new lot and wanted to exchange for a lot in the old cemetery where they had been burying, could do so. and redeem 16 square ft provided there was that much space. and their new lot sold to some one else.

Done in order of the Church  
 Res. L. J. Carlton mod.  
 Jeff Johnson  
 Solomon Cloud  
 Winston Fulton. } Trustees.

Trustee Board in 1934  
 Walter Bowman  
 Willie Bowman  
 David Satterfield  
 Robert Dixon Jr.  
 Curtis Thompson  
 Jasper Bowles

Here with Lots in the New Cemetery. With first unto

- 1 George Clark
- 2 Winston Fulton. Sold to Marie Rawley
- 3 Solomon Cloud.
- 4 Alex Thompson.
- 5 Buck Smith.
- 6 John Fulton.
- 7 William Rawley.
- 8 David Latterfield.
- 9 Thomas Davis.
- 10 Charlie Thompson.
- 11 John Stricklin.
- 12 Willie Bowman.
- 13 ~~John Albert~~. Sold to Willie Bowman
- 14 ~~John Fulton~~. Sold to Walter Francis
- 15 ~~Robert Moore~~. Sold to Walter Francis
- 16 Neal Samyers.
- 17 John Jones.
- 18 ~~Walter Davis~~
- 19 ~~Walter Davis~~ Please Payne
- 20 ~~Walter Davis~~ Walter Davis
- 21 ~~Walter Davis~~
- 22 Charlie Nelson
- 23 Carrie Flippen.
- 24 Joe Graham.
- 25 David Rawley.
- 26
- 27 Thomas Denson
- 28 Thomas Clark
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Henry Banner.

William Martin. J

~~Henry Leake~~  
~~James Leake~~  
~~Jonas Leake~~  
 Henry Leake  
 Jamina Leake  
 Jonas Leake

Those who Exchanged New lots for lot in the  
 old cemetery

Marshall Bouman

Permonia Green

Jeff Johnson

Sarah Rawley

~~Lucinda Clark~~

Lucinda Clark

Robert Moore

Lucinda Critz Davis



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The New Church Record.  
On account of fire destroying our  
Church and Supplies Sunday Morning  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1918. We are Compelled to  
begin A New Record, in 1919.  
Members in office

Deacons: Jefferson Johnson. Walter Davis.  
Walter Bowman. Willie Bowman.

Trustees Jefferson, Johnson. Solomon, Cloud.  
Chairman. Treasure.  
Winston, Fulton.  
Secy.

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Church  
Treasurer Luann Thompson.

Church  
Clerk Winston Fulton.

# *“Ararat Baptist Church 103 years of History”*

*1902*

- *Church meeting was held Saturday on nights; changed in 1908 to having it during the day.*

*1903-1904*

- *Pastor Rev. V. A. Parks*

*1905*

- *Jeff Johnson was Ararat's moderator at church meetings in absence of pastor.*
- *Cora Smith was church Secretary*
- *Asst. Secretary: Mose Allred*

*1906- 1907- 1908- 1909*

- *Pastors Rev. J. C. Redman & Rev. D. C. Adams*
- *Robert V. Moore was the church Secretary*
- *The roll was called and the five articles of the constitution were read at every meeting*
- *Members discussed building a new church*

*1910*

- *Rev. Grinton was the pastor*
- *Secretary: Mose Allred*
- *Any members missing three (3) church meetings were expelled from church.*



1911

- *Rev. W. M. Bailey was pastor*
  - *Secretary: Winston Fulton*
  - *The board and members agreed that men pay 15 cents and the women 10 cents to pay the pastor's salary.*
- Membership total was 30*

1912:

- *Members agreed that men would pay 50 cents and women 25 cents to pay for a bell for the church.*
- *Church members had various fund-raisers to help with the up-keep of Ararat Church.*

1913 -1919

*No Records Found*

1920

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Winston Fulton, Secretary*
- *Letter was sent to all the churches in the valley requesting a donation to help with the rebuilding of Ararat Church.*
- *Finance Committee: E. Hickman , Chairman*
- *Members picked up lumber for building of church*
- *Paid \$462.25 for lumber, doors, and windows for church*
- *Brick \$41.00*
- *Paid \$25.00 to Sheriff for dogs.*

1921-1922

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*

1923

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*

1924

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*
- *Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the "Odd-Fellows" lay the cornerstone for the church*

1925

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*
- *Members agreed that men bring 25 cents and women 10 cents for the sick and needy.*
- *Donations made \$2.70*

1926-1927

- *Pastor Rev. L. J. Carlton*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*

1928

- *Pastor Rev. L. J. Carlton*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*
- *The board asks the members to pay \$1.00 a month for lights and insurance, each member had to pay or come under church discipline.*

1929:

- *Pastor Rev. L. J. Carlton*
- *Secretary Ernest Hickman*



1930

- *Pastor Rev. L. J. Carlton*
- *Secretary Ernest Hickman*

1931

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Pearl Fulton*

1932-1933

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Winston Fulton*

1934

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Asst. Secretary Walter Bowman*
- *Treasurer Dave Satterfield*
- *Minute money was 10 cents a member*
- *Light bill was \$1.00*

1935

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church had a \$1.00 rally to raise money for the building of the church.*

1936

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Paid 78 cents for oil*
- *Door lock \$1.50*
- *Communion towels \$2.64*

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1937

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church had deed recorded*
- *Sick committee:*

*Nora Thompson, Gracie Dyson, Mattie Dyson, would visit the hospital once a month an report the needs of the patients.*

1938

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church was painted with Snow Light Paint*
- *Church members began paying tithes*
- *Church bought Rev. Parson a car with the tithe money from the members.*
- *Tithes treasurer Dave Satterfield*

1939

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Finance Secretary Robert Dyson*
- *Church bought Rev. Parson a suit for \$5.00*
- *Church discussion about buying a Bible to stay in church.*
- *Paid \$2.30 for coal*

1940

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Asst. Secretary Pauline Bowles*
- *Treasurer Jasper Bowles*
- *Church bought a printing press*

- *Paid pastor \$11.61*
- *Lueteshia Johnson was elected "mother" of the church*
- *Walter Bowman elected Chairman of Deacon Board*
- *Water installed at church*
- *Church dues 50 cents for men 25 cents for women*

*1941*

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church began work on basement*
- *Church and mission ladies purchased collection plates*

*1942*

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Pastor's salary \$15.00 a month*

*1943*

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church started the sick and needy fund*
- *Church agreed to have church two (2) Sunday a month*
- *Paid for windows for basement \$9.27*
- *Light bill 80 cents*

*1944*

- *Pastor J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church had a rally to raise money to pay for the brick and window work that was done on the basement.*

*1945-1946- 1947*

*No Records Found*



1948

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church dues \$1.00 for men and 50 cents for women*
- *Building supplies \$47.00*
- *Coal \$5.00*
- *Lights \$10.50*
- *Church paid \$8.18 for a Lute (guitar)*

1949

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*

1950

- *Pastor Rev. J. A. Parson*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*
- *Church and community agreed to pay \$4.00 a year for maintenance of Ararat Community Cemetery*
- *Church was painted with 15 gallons of paint cost \$124.75*

1951-1952-1953-1954  
*No Records Found*

1955-1956-1957-1958

- *Pastor Rev. I. P. Rowe*
- *Secretary Lillie Sawyers Rowe*
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1959

- *Pastor Rev. I. P. Rowe*
- *Secretary Alice Lee Moore*

1960-1961- 1962- 1963- 1964

*No Records Found*

1965: *Secretary Lillie Sawyers*

- *Asst. Secretary Virginia Bowman.*

1966-1967

*No Records Found*

1968-1969

*Dorothy Bowman started a small youth choir with children in neighborhood*

1970-1971

- *Pastor Rev. J. C. Rowe*
- *Secretary Lillie S. Rowe*
- *Pastor's salary \$45.00*

1972

- *Pastor Rev. H. P. Dalton*
- *Secretary Lillie Rowe*
- *Asst. Secretary Edward McDaniel*

1973

- *Pastor Henry P. Dalton & Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Lillie Rowe*
- *Asst. Secretary Edward McDaniel*

1974

- *Pastor Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Lillie Rowe*
- *Asst. Secretary Edward McDaniel*

1975- 1976

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Lillie Rowe*

1977

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Lillie Rowe resigned and Eva Bowman was elected to the position*
- *Church replaced the roof*
- *Added bathrooms to the church*
- *Went on a church picnic*
- *Had church painted for \$175.00*

1978-1979

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Eva Bowman*
- *Asst. Secretary Virginia Bowman*

1980- 1981- 1982- 1983

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Eva Bowman*
- *Asst. Secretary Virginia*
- *Church had benches cushioned*
- *Carpet donated by the adult choir (1981)*
- *Vacuum cleaner donated by the Missionary Circle*

1984- 1985

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Virginia Bowman*
- *Asst. Secretary Deborah Bowman*



1986- 1987- 1988- 1989- 1990- 1991

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Virginia Bowman*
- *Asst. Secretary Deborah Bowman*
- *Finance Treasurer Lee Roy Bowman*
- *Building Fund Treasurer Clint Carter*
- *Asst. Building Fund Treasurer Edward McDaniel*
- *Church purchased guttering*
- *Purchased chairs for dining room*

1992- 1993- 1994- 1995- 1996

- *Pastor Rev. Thomas Howell*
- *Secretary Virginia Bowman*
- *Asst. Secretary Deborah Bowman*
- *Finance Secretary Jesse Patton*
- *Sick Fund Faye Carter*
- *Church annexed into the city limits*
- *Received a loan from bank to remodel church*
- *Built handicap ramp*
- *Graveled driveway*
- *Installed Air-Conditioner*

1996

- *Secretary Deborah Bowman*

1997- 1998

- *Rev. Thomas Howell resigned*
- *Rev. James Barber was elected*
- *Secretary Deborah Bowman*
- *Asst. Virginia Bowman & Jesse Patton*
- *Church constitution was written by Rev. James Barber*
- *Rev. Barber started prayer meeting on Wednesday nights*

- Church damaged from furnace malfunction, repainted
- Jesse Patton organized the remodeling of the pastor's study

1999- 2000- 2001- 2002- 2003

- Pastor Rev. James Barber
- Secretary Deborah Bowman
- Asst. Secretary Virginia Bowman & Jesse Patton
- Church Constitution voted into law
- Barbara Lanier donated hymnal holders to the church
- Church purchased a new P. A. system
- Trustee's Board elected: C. J. Carter, Edward McDaniel, James Helton, & Linzey Bowman
- Purchase a new refrigerator, stove, water heater
- Remodeled rest rooms
- Purchased new Hymnals and Bibles
- Had the Sunday School Convention (2000)
- Purchased new furnace
- Reorganized Usher Board (Vicki McDaniel, Chairperson)
- Financial Secretary Barbara Joyce (2001)
- Asst. Financial Secretary Valarie McDaniel (2001)
- Church loaned the Mount Airy Museum the iron desk we had in the classroom for exhibit (2002) came from old Jones School.

2004-2005

- Pastor Elder James Joyce
- Secretary Deborah Bowman
- Freder Joyce organized a Young Adult/Youth Choir
- Purchased new padded chairs for the choir loft
- Jesse Patton started the Pastor's Aid Organization

*"Pastors from 1902 to 2005"*

*Rev. J. C. Redman*  
*Rev. Grinton*  
*Rev. J. A. Parson*  
*Rev. J. H. Parson*  
*Rev. L. J. Carlton*  
*Rev. W. M. Bailey*  
*Rev. I. P. Rowe*  
*Rev. J. C. Rowe*  
*Rev. Henry P. Dalton*  
*Rev. Thomas Howell*  
*Rev. James Barber*  
*Rev. D. C. Adams*  
*Elder James Joyce*

*"Deacons from 1902 -2005"*

<i>Jasper Bowles</i>	<i>Jeffrey Johnson</i>
<i>Percy Whitlock</i>	<i>Jesse Dyson</i>
<i>Dave Satterfield</i>	<i>Roy Bowman</i>
<i>Walter Bowman</i>	<i>Clint Carter Jr.</i>
<i>Robert Dyson</i>	<i>Clint Carter Sr.</i>
<i>Lee Roy Bowman</i>	<i>Weldon Joyce</i>
<i>Jesse Dyson</i>	<i>Willie Bowman</i>



*"A Few of The  
People Who Have Been A  
Part Of*

*Ararat Missionary  
Baptist Church"*

*Adams, Erica  
Adams, Fantayza  
Bailey, Rev. W. M.  
Barber, Rev. James  
Barber, Arlena  
Barber, Tiffany  
Bowles, Glenn  
Bowles, Jasper  
Bowles, Jackie  
Bowles, Josephine  
Bowles, Paulina  
Bowles, Peggy  
Bowles, Robert  
Bowman, Aaron  
Bowman, Allen  
Bowman, Alvis Lee  
Bowman, Ann  
Bowman, Bennie  
Bowman, Bonnie,  
Bowman, Charlie  
Bowman, Claude  
Bowman, Claudette  
Bowman, Daniel  
Bowman, Deborah  
Bowman, Dorothy  
Bowman, Eva  
Bowman, Floyd  
Bowman, Gary  
Bowman, Geneve  
Bowman, Ianthia  
Bowman, Juanita  
Bowman, Larry  
Bowman, Lee Roy  
Bowman, Linda*

*Bowman, Linzy Gray  
Bowman, Linzy Jr.  
Bowman, Michael  
Bowman, Rochelle  
Bowman, Roy  
Bowman, Tia  
Bowman, Tiffanie  
Bowman, Virginia  
Bowman, Walter  
Bunker, Chester  
Carlton, L. J.  
Carlton, Roosevelt  
Carter, Clint  
Carter, Clint Jr.  
Carter, Faye  
Carter, Velma  
Ceasar, Dorothy M.  
Ceasar, Helen  
Ceasar, Nicole  
Clark, Izetta  
Clark, Lindburg  
Clark, Doretha  
Conrad, Louise  
Conrad, Pat  
Crawford, Alfonzo  
Cunningham, Mrs.  
Dalton, Rev. Henry  
Dalton, Mrs. Henry  
Davis, Flora  
Davis, Hallie  
Davis, Marsha Ann  
Davis, Nettie  
Davis, Pam  
Davis, Rayland*

Davis, Rosie  
 Davis, Walter  
 Dobson, Mary Catherine  
 Dyson, Jesse  
 Dyson, Bill  
 Dyson Jr, Robert  
 Dyson, Bud  
 Dyson, Gracie  
 Dyson, Mattie  
 Dyson, Polly Anna  
 Dyson, Robert  
 Dyson, Rosa  
 Ferguson, Anna  
 Ferguson, Chris  
 Ferguson, Jim  
 Ferguson, Lolene  
 Ferguson, Margaret  
 Ferguson, Robert  
 Ferguson, Weldon  
 Forrest, Edd  
 France, Ed  
 Franklin, David  
 Franklin, Betty  
 Franklin, Keisha  
 Fulton, Barbara  
 Fulton, Garnett  
 Fulton, George  
 Fulton, Joe Louis  
 Fulton, Minnie  
 Galloway, Donald  
 Galloway, Edward  
 Galloway, Francis  
 Galloway, Joseph  
 Galloway, Levi  
 Galloway, Lois  
 Galloway, Martha  
 Galloway, Melvin  
 Galloway, Rebecca  
 Galloway, Ronald

Galloway, Paul  
 Grant, Kierra  
 Green, Alexander  
 Green, Alice Lee  
 Green, George  
 Green, Joe  
 Green, Shirley  
 Green, Tisha Belle  
 Grinton, Rev.  
 Gwyn, Melba  
 Hairston, Howard  
 Hatcher, Maggie  
 Hatcher, Marie  
 Helton, Catherine  
 Helton, Frances  
 Helton, James  
 Helton, Mary  
 Helton, Annette  
 Hickman, Earnest  
 Howell, Stewart  
 Hughes, Cora Belle  
 Howell, Rev. Thomas  
 Howell, Margaret  
 Johnson, Margaret  
 Johnson, Albert  
 Johnson, Fred  
 Johnson, Johnny  
 Johnson, Laura Sue  
 Johnson, Marie  
 Joyce, Barbara  
 Joyce, Charlene  
 Joyce, Christy  
 Joyce, Darrell  
 Joyce, Elder James  
 Joyce, Essie  
 Joyce, Freda  
 Joyce, Jill  
 Joyce, Luther  
 Joyce, Madison

Joyce, Odessa	Roberts, April
Joyce, Tonya	Rogers, Myrtle
Joyce, Weldon	Rowe, Rev. I. P.
Lee, Gracie	Rowe, Rev. J. C.
McArthur, James	Rowe, Lillie Sawyers
MCCarther, Alfreda	Rowe, Rev. I. P.
McCloud, Gertrude	Rowe, Rev. Willie
McDaniel, Charles	Rowe, Verdie
McDaniel, Edward	Satterfield, Dave
McDaniel, Vicki	Sawyers, Ethel Mae
McFowler, Derrick	Sawyers, Levi
McFowler, Kimberly	Simmons, Omar
McFowler, Verna	Simmons, Perry
McNeil, Daniel	Simmons, Valarie
Mills, Kathleen	Simmons, Viosha
Mims, Willie	Smith, Clara L.
Mims, Allthea	Smith, Daisy
Oakley, F. M.	Smith, David
Parson, Rev. J. A.	Taylor, Gilmer
Parson, Rev. J. H.	Thompson, Alfonzo
Patton, Jesse	Thompson, Alisha
Penn, Britt	Thompson, Arnell
Penn, Annie	Thompson, Charlie
Penn, Barbara	Thompson, Curtis
Penn, Donald	Thompson, Janet
Penn, Jeanette	Thompson, Jimmy
Penn, Mildred	Thompson, John D.
Pilson, Clarence	Thompson, Kathleen
Pilson, Linda	Thompson, Lisa
Pilson, Sarah	Thompson, Mickey
Radcliff, Matilda	Thompson, Nora
Radcliff, Barbara	Thompson, Raymond
Randleman, Alice	Thompson, Reathern
Randleman, Reona	Thompson, Robert
Rawley, Lucy	Thompson, William (Billy)
Rawley, Mary M.	Valentine, Mary
Redman, Rev. J.C.	Whitlock, Althea
Reid, Ida	Whitlock, Clara Belle
Reynolds, Barbara G.	Whitlock, Erline



*Whitlock, Jean*  
*Whitlock, Percy*  
*Whitlock, Maxine*  
*Whitlock, Virginia*  
*Whitlock, Wade*

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## Church Covenant

*Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of god to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour: and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.*

*We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love: to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness: to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin: to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine: to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.*

*We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.*

*We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Saviour in the eighteen chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay: and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.*



# **“CHURCH CONSTITUTION”**

## **Ararat Missionary Baptist Church**

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **NAME**

**The name of this church shall be the Ararat Missionary Baptist Church**

### **ARTICLE 11**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this congregation is to give visible form to the faith and fellowship to which God has given His people. We acknowledge ourselves to be local manifestation to the universal church through which Jesus Christ continues to minister to the world by his Holy Spirit. We shall endeavor to fulfill this calling through corporate worship service. Through a program Christian nurture by which our members may be built up in their faith and love, through proclamation of the gospel by work and deed and through ministering to human needs in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **POLICY**

SECTION 1: The government of this body is the members who compose it and as such subject to the control of no other governing power, also none of its board of committees usurp its executive governmental or policy making power.

SECTION 2: It shall maintain affiliation and co-operation with the Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association, and the General Baptist State Convention.

SECTION 3: It shall not support any local, state, or National Baptist Organization that does not accept the Bible as its authoritative basis for its doctrine and practice.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **DOCTRINE**

This body accepts the King James Version of the scripture of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and as the authoritative basis for its doctrine and practice.

## ARTICLE V CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1: ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Persons may be received into membership, by any of the following methods subject in each case to the voice of the church.

**By Baptism:** A person who confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior adopts substantially the views and principles of this church and is Baptized by immersion may be received into fellowship of the church.

**By Letter:** A person who is in substantial accord with the views of faith and the principles of this church may be received by letter from other Baptist churches.

**By Experience:** A believer of worthy character who has formerly been a member of Christian church but who for a sufficient reason cannot present a letter from that church. But is in substantial accord with the views of faith and principles of this church may be received upon statement of experience.

**By Restoration:** A person who has lost membership upon meeting the conditions set forth in the general epistle of James 5:16

**By Watch Care:** A person who is a member of another Christian church but sojourning in this community for a brief period of time may fellowship with this church. Students may fellowship under watch care while they are in a local institution of learning. All requests for admission to church membership shall be presented in the form of recommendation to the church for their consideration.

### SECTION 2: TERMINATION OF MEMBERS

**BY LETTER:** Any member in good standing who deserves a letter of dismissal and recommendation to any other Baptist church may receive it upon his or her request and upon the recommendation of the Board of Deacons and the vote of the Church.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **PASTOR**

**SECTION 1.** The pastor shall preach the gospel, administer the ordinances, watch over the membership have charge of the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the stated services of public worship. The pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees of the church and its auxiliary organizations. The pastor shall be in the church except when good taste dictates otherwise.

**SECTION 2.** When it is necessary to call a pastor, the church shall request the deacons to take necessary steps to secure a pastor. The deacons shall investigate the merits of every candidate under consideration in regard to personal character, education, ministerial record and preaching ability in determining his fitness for said pastor. When a suitable candidate is found, the deacons shall recommend that person to the church for consideration.

**SECTION 3:** The call of a pastor shall come before the church at a regular or a called business meeting. Notice of such meeting and its purpose having been read from the pulpit on two consecutive Sundays. A vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present and qualified to vote shall be necessary to extend a call. Only one candidate shall be presented to the church at any one regular meeting. The vote shall be by acclamation.

**SECTION 4:** The pastor shall be called for an indefinite period of time. The salary shall be fixed at the time of the call and may be changed by the vote of the church at any regular business meeting, provided that the deacons have considered such a change. The salary shall be paid monthly or at the discretion of the pastor and the church. The pastor shall be given an annual vacation as the church agrees.

**SECTION 5:** A pastor's term of office may be ended upon 90 days of notification on the part of the pastor of the church by mutual consent. Termination of the office shall be voted on at a regularly called business meeting. A vote of a majority of the members present and qualified to vote shall make a valid termination of said office.



SECTION 6: A pastors term of office may be terminated without the 90 day notification clause if he asked to resign due to confirmation of serious violations of Christian conduct both personally and professionally. Termination of the office shall be voted on after such meeting and its purpose having been read from the floor on he proceeding Sunday. A vote of a majority of the members present and qualified to vote shall make a valid termination of said office.

## **ARTICLE VII**

The elected officer of this church shall be:

### **SECTION 1. PASTOR**

Pastor's duties are set forth in Article VI, Section 1

### **SECTION 2. CLERK**

A clerk shall be elected at an annual meeting. The clerk shall keep a complete record of the transaction of all business meetings. The clerk shall keep a record of the names and addresses of the members, with dates and manner of admission and termination, also a record of baptisms and a list of those suspended. The clerk shall notify all officers, committees members and delegate if his or her election and appointment. The clerk shall issue a letter of termination and recommendation voted by the church, and keep on file all communications and written reports. They shall give legal notice of all meetings where such is required by this constitution. The clerk shall deliver immediately to his or her successor all books and record for which they are been responsible for.

### **SECTION 3: ASSISTANT CLERK**

There shall be one (1) assistant clerk elected to serve in the absence of the clerk or to assist with such matters.

### **SECTION 4: FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve at the discretion of the church. The financial secretary shall keep records of the funds of the church and all deposits made in the name of the church. All checks drawn by the financial secretary shall be in the name of the church.

1. The financial secretary shall keep separate accounts of all funds raise by or contributed for particular purposes. The financial secretary except

for the purpose for which they are raised shall disburse no funds or contributed, without consent from the church.

2. The financial secretary shall submit to the church an itemized record receipts and disbursements, showing the actual financial condition of the church at each monthly meeting, upon receipt of this report, the church will approve the report.
3. The financial secretary will be audited at least one a year by a committee from the church.

## **SECTION 6 TREASURER**

1. The treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the church.
2. The treasurer will be elected at an annual meeting to serve at the discretion of the church.
3. The treasurer within 48 hours of regular Sunday service shall deposit the money received in a bank selected by the church.
4. The treasurer shall submit to the church upon request, information as to the condition of the treasury.
5. A committee from the church will audit the treasurer at least once a year.
6. The treasurer shall keep a summary of the financial standing of the church. A budget committee at the discretion of the church will be selected to lay out a financial plan for the fiscal year, which is to be approved by the church.

## **ARTICLE VIII (8)** **BOARDS**

### **SECTION: 1 DEACONS**

There shall be a board of deacons, they shall be ordained to their work according to Acts 6:1-8 and Timothy 3: 8-13

The office may be filled upon recommendation from the Pastor and Deacons of the church. This recommendation is to be read on Sunday prior to the monthly church conference. At the church conference, the body may submit recommendations.

The person must be placed on trial according to 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:12. The trial period will be in length as it pleases the church. At the end of this

period and upon recommendations to the church the candidate or candidates shall be ordained.

Any member who feels that a candidate is not suited for the office must inform the Pastor and Deacon Board. The pastor will give instructions on how to deal with this matter. Deacons shall hold office as long as they shall faithfully discharge their duties. Any deacon who fails to perform the duties of his office faithfully will be subjected to the discipline of the church. The church may for good and sufficient causes remove any deacon from office.

The Pastor and the Deacons shall choose a chairman who shall meet regularly as necessary.

The chairman who shall notify other board members with the pastor's consent may call special meetings.

Deacons will be responsible for the following duties:

1. To administer to the sick and needy members.
2. To assist the Minister, not to direct him and watch him.
3. They are to advise and counsel with the Minister in the interest of the church. But not to feel that the Minister who is called by God must be led by the opinion of a Deacon Board or any other board.
4. Deacons are the watchful guardians of the purity and good order of the church, striving to maintain a healthful tone of piety and Christian activity in the body.
5. The deacons will assist in the administering of the Lord's Supper, and the Baptizing.
6. In the absence of a pastor it is the duty of the deacons to conduct devotional meetings, provide for the supply of the pulpit, and to administer affairs of the pulpit and church.
7. The deacons with the pastor shall determine use of the church building for extra and secular purposes.



## **SECTION 2: DEACONESS (wives of the deacons)**

The Deaconess shall assist the pastor in developing the spiritual life of the women and girls of the church for the best possible Christian service. They shall cooperate with the pastor and the deacons in visiting the members: In care of the sick, needy, and distressed members of the church and in the preparation of the Ordinances of the church.

## **SECTION: 3 trustees** (as the church sees necessary)

There shall be a board of at least three (3) one whom shall be the church treasurer be elected at a church conference or at a called meeting as the church sees fit. The board shall hold in trust all property belonging to the church and shall take all necessary measures for its protection, management and upkeep. It shall have no power to buy, mortgage, lease, or transfer any property without specific vote of the church authorizing such action.

## **SECTION 4: FINANCE**

There shall be a finance committee made up of two (2) members. This committee consists of the financial secretary and treasurer signs all checks approved by the church. There shall be one central treasure of which the finance committee shall have oversight.

## **ARTICLE IX (9)**

### **LICENSING OF MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES**

#### **SECTION: 1      Licensing**

The man desiring to enter the gospel ministry shall be licensed in according with 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3: 1-7 and Titus 1.

This man shall be ordained by the request of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, the church desiring him as a pastor or as the scope of his ministry demands him to be ordained.

## ARTICLE X (10) ELECTIONS

### SECTION 1: TIME

Election of duties each year shall be held at church conference of the New Year, which shall be on Saturday before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday in July unless otherwise designated.

### SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

On all matters. Members must be in good standing are entitled to vote.

### SECTION: 3 PROCEDURES

The pastor and deacons shall present to the church the names of the persons for each office to be filled.

### SECTION: 4 VACANCIES

Vacancy occurring during the year may be filled for the unexpired term at the church conference.

## ARTICLE XI (11) MEETINGS

### SECTION: 1 WORSHIP SERVICES

Public services shall be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in each month and Church Sunday school and BTU shall meet at times fixed by the church and approved in Regular church conference.

The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated three (3) times a year and at such other times as the church may determine.

Occasional religious meetings may be scheduled by the pastor or by the vote of the church.

Church conference may be called at anytime by the pastor. Notice of such meetings and the object for which it is called shall be given on the Sunday proceeding the date of the meeting.

At any of the regular meetings of worship, the church may without notice act upon the reception of members and upon the appointment of delegates to councils, associations and conventions, but not upon extraordinary business.

-church conference shall be held on Saturday before the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday in each month unless designated otherwise.

**ARTICLE XII (12)**  
**CHURCH YEAR**

The fiscal year of the church shall be from July to July

**ARTICLE XIII (13)**  
**RULES OF ORDER**

SECTION: 1        The Hiscox Directory is the book on which our church is incorporated.

SECTION: 2        The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the business proceedings of this church in all cases where they are not inconsistent with the constitution.

**ARTICLE XIV (14)**  
**AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended after a six month study by a committee appointed by the pastor at any regular or called business meeting of the church by two-third (2/3) vote of the membership.



*"Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Organizations  
& Members*

*Pastor & Wife*

*Elder James & Freda Joyce*

*Deacons*

*Roy Bowman*

*Clint Carter Sr.*

*Clint Carter Jr.*

*Church Officers*

*Elder James Joyce, Pastor*

*Jesse Patton*

*Barbara Joyce*

*Deborah Bowman*

*Valarie Simmons*

*Program Committee*

*Jesse Patton, President*

*Christy Joyce*

*Edward McDaniel*

*Deborah Bowman*

### *Usher Board*

*Vicki McDaniel, President*  
*Edward McDaniel*  
*Valarie Simmons*  
*Deborah Bowman*  
*Faye Carter*

*Nicole Ceasar*  
*Madison Joyce*  
*Arryawn Joyce*  
*Omar Simmons*  
*Viosha Simmons*

### *Project Committee*

*Valarie Simmons, President*  
*Vicki McDaniel*  
*Deborah Bowman*  
*Nicole Ceasar*

*Viosha Simonss*  
*Madison Joyce*  
*Arryawn Joyce*

### *Missionary Circle*

*Marie Johnson, President*  
*Clint Carter*  
*Freda Joyce*  
*Barbara Joyce*  
*Essie Joyce*

*Eva Bowman*  
*Kathleen Mills*  
*Faye Carter*

### *Senior Choir*

*Alice Lee Moore, President*  
*Lydia Lee Moore*  
*Faye Carter*  
*Betty Lou Rawley*

*Freda Joyce*  
*Edward McDaniel*  
*Clint Carter Jr.*

### Youth & Young Adult Choir

*Freda Joyce, President*

*Jill Joyce*

*David Smith*

*Kimberly McFowler*

*Nicole Ceasar*

*Deborah Bowman*

*Christy Joyce*

*Madison Joyce*

*Omar Simmons*

*Viosha Simmons*

*Arryawn Joyce*

### Sunday School Officers

*Clint Carter Jr, Superintendent*

*Roy Bowman Asst. Superintendent*

*Jesse Patton*

*Deborah Bowman*

*Freda Joyce*

*Vicki McDaniel*

### Pastor's Aid

*Jesse Patton, President*

*Edward McDaniel*

*Vicki McDaniel*

*Deborah Bowman*

### Senior Members

*Marie Johnson*

*Clint Carter*

*Odessa Joyce*

*Kathleen Mills*

*Essie Joyce*

*Mary Jarvis*

*Arnell Thompson*

*“Ararat Missionary Baptist Church  
Usher Board”*

*The Usher Board was organized in 1971 under the guidance of Rev. H. P. Dalton. Sis. Lillie Fulton Rowe and Sis. Faye Hines Carter organized the group. Other members of the church also joined the Usher Board: Sis. Tisha Belle Green, Sis. Shirley Green Perkins, Bro. Edward McDaniel, Sis. Kathleen Mills, Bro. Clint (CJ) Carter Jr. bro. Jim Ferguson and Bro. Lindsey Bowman.*

*After the passing of Sis. Lillie Fulton and Sis. Tisha Bell Green the remaining members of the Usher Board served faithfully for 27 years. The Usher Board always strived to do the best job possible, as the Doorkeepers of the house of the Lord. They were always excited to meet and greet churchgoers and welcome them into the house of the Lord. We were always invited to other churches and asked to usher on various occasions.*

*In 1998 the current Usher Board was elected, under the leadership of Rev. James Barber. Sis. Vickie McDaniel was elected to head the Board. Other members that agreed to help were Sis. Valarie Simmons, Bro. Edward McDaniel, Sis. Vioshia Simmons, Sis. Nicole Ceasar, Sis. Madison Joyce, Sis. Deborah Bowman and little Omar Simmons. The members strive every Sunday to welcome everyone into the house of the Lord.*

*“I’d had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,  
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”*

*Psalms 84:10*



## Ararat Missionary Baptist Missionary Circle

In 1929 a Christian endowed lady by the name of Ms. Vena Bowman saw a need to organize a Mission Circle. The Mission Circle would have a spiritual, warm hearted, and helpful fellowship, to reach out and aid in meeting the needs of the sick and less fortunate in and around the community, as well as our church family. The Mission would use the Bible as a guide in discussing Gods word. Ms. Vena wanted others to know that through Christ all things are possible.

When the Mission Circle was first organized it was called the Ladies Aide. Under the direction and leadership of Ms. Vena, it remained the Ladies Aide for ten years. In 1939, the name was changed to Ararat Missionary Auxiliary, affiliated with the Home and Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of the Yadkin Valley Missionary of the Yadkin Valley Missionary Baptist Association.

The Ladies Aide met in the homes of each individual, had spiritual meetings, and discussed The Bible. The Officers at that time were: President: Sis. Vena Bowman, Secretary: Sis. LuAnn Thompson, Treasurer: Sis. Nora Thompson, Sick Committee: Sis. Gracie Dyson, Sis. Tish Johnson, and Sis. Mattie Dyson. Other members of the Ladies Aide at that time were: Sis Lillie France, Sis Mollie Travis, Sis Ethel Bowman, Sis Husie Jetters, Sis Anna Ferguson, Sis Delia Galloway, Sis Mollie Saterfield, Sis Myrtle Rogers, Sis Josephine Galloway, Sis Rena Cloud, Sis Daisy Hickmon, Sis Peggy Long, Sis Ella Spencer, Sis Lula Clark, Sis Annie Penn, Sis Ida Reid, Sis Lou Allred, Sis Lydia Green, Sis Pauline Bowles, and Sis Lucy Ceasar. There were also members of the Ladies Aide who were men, who had an interest in the Mission and attended faithfully: Bro. Bud Dyson, Bro. Jasper Bowles and Bro. John Travis.

The members of the Ladies Aide visited the sick and needy as far away as Ararat Virginia, Willis Gap, Chestnut Ridges, Dobson, and Payne Town as well. They knew they had a mission to do, and though the road was sometime hard, they knew that through God's guidance, no task was too hard.

In later years other members of the Mission were: Sis Dorothy Bowman, Sis Virginia Whitlock, Sis Cora Bell Hughes, Sis Rosie Dyson, Sis Dorothy Mae Ceasar, Sis Tish Bell Green, Sis Shirley Green, Sis Margaret Ratcliff, Sis Martha Fulton, Sis Frosty McDaniel, Sis Lillian Murphy, Sis Faye Carter, Sis Mary Galloway, Sis Kathleen Thompson Mills, Bro. Jesse Dyson, Sis Belle Carter, Bro Clinton Carter, Sr.

At the present time our members are: Sis Marie Johnson, Sis Kathleen Thompson Mills, Sis Belle Green Carter, Sis Barbara Ratcliff Joyce, Sis Faye Hines Carter, Sis Eva Penn Bowman, Sis Essie Satterfield Joyce, Sis Freddie McCarther Joyce, and Bro Clinton Carter, Sr.

We, the Ararat Missionary Circle Auxiliary, are striving to continue the legacy of our fore fathers, striving daily in our task, desiring to stimulate a mission spirit of humbleness, through the grace of God in caring out the purpose of missionaries at home and in foreign lands. We as Christian soldiers are trying to continue the march of the older patriot's, and are hoping that the job we are doing will have been a worthy cause in the journey's end.



*Elder James Joyce, Pastor*





*Elder & Mrs. James Joyce*





*Rev. James & Arlena Barber*



*Rev. Henry P. Dalton*





*Rev. Thomas & Margaret Howell*



*Willie Bowman Family*





NG OF 1926—The forerunner of the present  
ed of 71 students, 3 teachers and a 4-room  
Burney and the teachers Miss Young and  
own here. Owners of the photo are Ernest  
l on ground, and Mrs. Gertrude Bowman

McCloud, standing beside her sister in the second r  
are wearing identical dresses. Miss Jessup, a teacher  
McCloud's right shoulder. Mr. and Mrs. McCloud, w  
D.C., visited his mother, Mrs. Gracie Dyson, on War  
Christmas holidays.





*Mallie Satterfield*



*Mary Satterfield Jarvis*



*Essie Satterfield Joyce*



*Glenn Joyce*





*Weldon & Essie Joyce*



**CONGRATULATIONS,  
ARARAT MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
ON YOUR 100TH  
YEAR!**

**MR. AND MRS. CLINTON H. CARTER, SR. & FAMILY**



**"As for me and my house, we will  
serve the Lord!"**

*In Memory of  
Mrs. Patti J. Spencer*



*Mrs. Spencer was a loving friend to all. She was a big part of our Church and Community. She helped every family and church in the Surry County area.*





*Madison Joyce*



*Omar Simmons*



*Johnny Joyce*



*James & Lillie Helton*





*Edward McDaniel*



*Nicole Ceasar*



*Vicki McDaniel*



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*Jill Joyce*



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*Kimberly McFowler*



*Charlene Joyce*





*Elder James Joyce*



*Freda Joyce*



*Madison Joyce*



*Christy Joyce*





*Clint Carter Sr.*



*Velma "Belle" Carter*



*Brian, Avery, Chelsea Carter*



*Dr. Leo & Angela Carter*

*Faye & Clint "C J"  
Carter Jr.*



*Precious Peay*



*Tasia Peay*







*Billy, Janet, Susan, Edna, & John Thompson*



*Robert, Almarie, Betty, & Keisha Franklin, & Arnell Thompson*





*James Helton*



*Willie Bowman*



*Annie Ceasar Bowman*



*Ida Greenwood Reid*



*Roy Bowman*



*Deborah Bowman*



*Jesse Carol Patton*



*Cameron Xavier Moore*





*Reathern Corabell Hughes*

*Reathern Corabell Hughes was a member of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church for more than 70 years. She has been a Sunday School Teacher, a member of The Senior Choir, Home Mission, The Program Committee and the Janitor. She was always willing to help in anything she was able to do. Corabell was a loving person who enjoyed helping everyone. She loved to cook for the Sunday School Conventions and the Church Association. She was a great lady.*





*Claude Bowman*



*Eva Bowman*



*The Bowman Family*

*Mary Jarvis*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
thank Sister  
Mary for her  
strong  
dedication to  
Ararat Church.  
She has been a  
faithful member  
for many years,  
and has a strong  
christian faith.*

*Thank you  
again & May  
God continue to  
Bless You.*

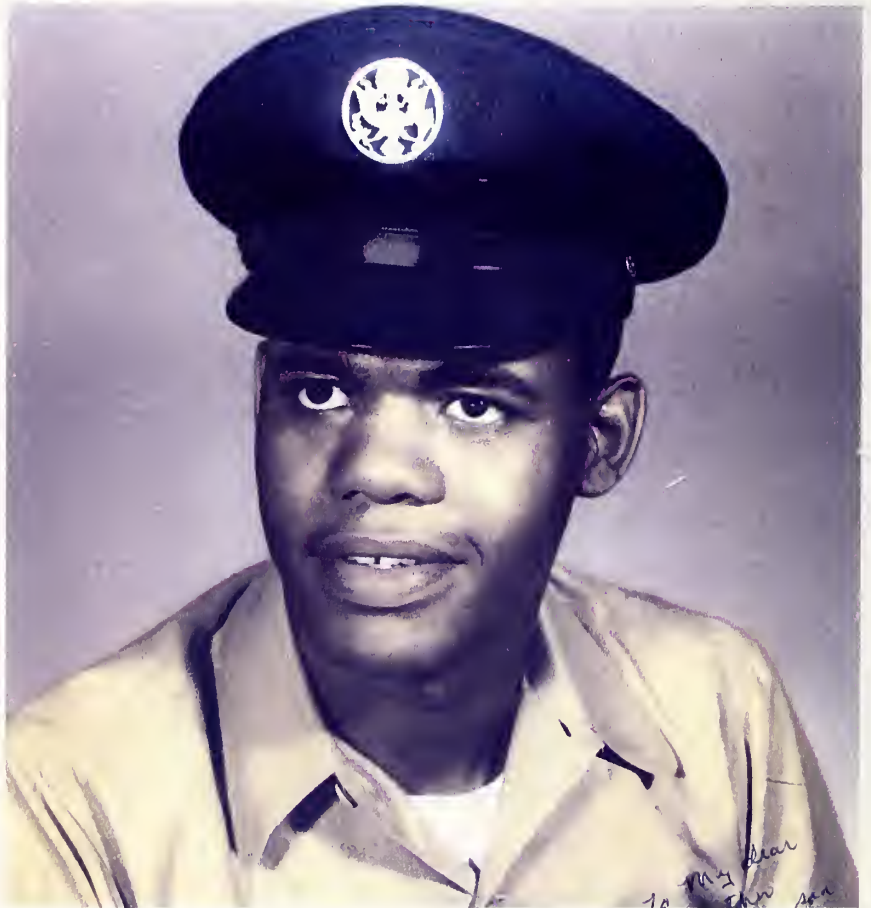




*Walter Jarvis Sr.  
&  
Mary Jarvis*



*Walter Jarvis Jr.*





*Elizabeth Barber  
&  
Essie Joyce*



*Dorothy, Vera,  
Minnie,  
Lillie S. Roe & Alma*

*Essie Satterfield  
Joyce*







*Clint Carter Sr.*



*Odessa Joyce*



*Marie Johnson*



*John D. Thompson*





*Marie Johnson*



*Albert Johnson*



*The Johnson Family*





### *“Kathleen Mills Famous Ice Tea”*

*\*24 Family Tea bags      \* 2 Cans Frozen Lemonade  
\*3 small cans of Pineapple Juice      \*3 Gallons Water  
\*8 Cups Sugar*

- Place 24 family tea bags in one gallon of boiling water*
- Boil for 10 minutes*
- Add 2 cans of frozen Lemonade strained*
- 3 Cans of Pineapple Juice*
- Boil tea bags again in clean 4 cups of water*
- Strain tea bags again*
- Add 8 cups of sugar while tea is hot*
- Then add 2 gallons of cold water*



*Lisa Rawley Ray*



*Cora Belle Hughes*



*Edward, Nora, Betty Lou*



*Cora Belle Hughes*





*Ivey & Reathern Glover*



*Cora Belle Hughes*



*Reathern Glover*



*Nora Francis Clark*



*Congratulations Ararat M. Baptist Church on your  
100th Anniversary  
In Memory of Lee Roy & Virginia Bowman*



*You surrounded me with unconditional love and instilled in me the value of  
Christian principles...it has made all the difference.  
Love, Bonnie Bowman Moorman*

*You were the best christian role models I ever had and God has blessed me  
to follow in your footsteps.  
I Love You both, Roy J. Bowman*

*Thanks for being the "wind beneath my wings".  
Love, Nancy Bowman Williams*

*Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is  
old he will not depart from it." I thank God for a sound foundation  
established by my parents and Ararat Baptist Church.  
Susan Bowman Hunt*

# *The Thompson Family*



**Charlie Thompson**



**Nora Thompson**







*Rosa Thompson Dyson*



*Dorothy Ceasar Ziglar*



*Tisha Belle Green*



*Margaret Radcliff*



# *Ararat Church History*

*Written by :*

*Gertrude*

*Bowman*

*MCCloud*

*“1992”*

*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church  
(1900-1992)*

*The Church as I can remember, and some stories that my mother , Mrs. Vinnie Bowman told us as children growing up in Mt. Airy, N. C. Surry County, a small geographical area called Ararat. The church was our blessing, our strength, our vigor, our need, and our cup that ran over. We were happy people. Sunday's were church-day, a day of fellowship with God's people.*

*My mother served the church in many ways: Sunday School Teacher, Deaconess, Treasurer for the Home Mission, and other duties of the church. My father served on the Deacon Board for many years. My Uncle Walter, was also on the Deacon Board. He was the Superintendent of the Sunday School. He was highly respected in the community. Many yeas later after his death, his son Lee Roy carried on the missions of the church, as Chairman of the Deacon Board.*

*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church was organized in the early nineteen hundreds. The church was located at Old Ararat, on the cemetery grounds. Two large cedar trees stood on each side. The building was made of weatherboards, large planks that could cover*

a large area for a one-room church. The seats were wood benches. This church was suddenly destroyed by fire. The members and pastor talked over the situation with meetings at the home of some members. Mr. Solomon Cloud who had lots of land, sold to the church an acre of his land. A new church was built. This land was close to the school property. The church and school shared a common bond. Mr. Cloud, and son Ernest installed the church bell. Mr. Cloud was a very strong pillar of Ararat B. Church. Some of the people who lived at that time were devout pioneers, God fearing, profound in their faith. Meetings were held with many prayers said, for plans made, on how they would pay for this church. The members did much of the work. They used their skills and prayers to complete their church building. The Cloud family, the Johnson family, the Bud Dyson family, the Bowman family, the Satterfield family, the Thompson family, the Galloway family the Rev. William Martin family, the Davis family, the Fulton Family, and the Clark family. These dear people worked together, struggled together, to keep their church alive and well. This was not an easy task: times were hard. The location of the school was a blessing, in many ways, with the parents and teachers meeting and the



invitations to come to the new church on Sunday worship was a must. The teachers were essential for the church and to the community. The school was a small rural building consisting of four rooms. There were four teachers, including the principal. To the church the teachers brought hope and joy, with their talents in music, health care, training and a better way of life. Those teachers from out of town, lived with the families. Some fact about the early American Black Church, including Ararat, was that it usually consisted of one fairly large room, with a small area to the side or back of the church for the pastor to enter the pulpit, sometime there was no such at all. This was certainly the way the new Ararat Baptist Church was built in the mid- twenties. Ararat was a product of the Yadkin Valley Association. The annual conventions were the most important activity, or high-light of the church, and still is today. Ararat B. Church had strong and powerful leadership in the early days of the church. The membership performed well together, with love, and concern for each other. They were not easily defeated, they kept reaching for higher ground. God heard their prayers and cry's. people came

*from all over the are (black and white) to hear this great man of God, Rev. John Parson.*

*Rev. Parson came to Ararat B. C. with Rev. Carlton also a wonderful speaker, from Taylorsville, N. C. they came to worship each third Sunday of each month. It was not long, maybe a year or so, that Rev. Carlton was called to preach at a church in Jonesville, N.C. leaving Rev. Parson to carry on at Ararat B. Church. Truly this man, was a man of God, sent by God. He spoke the word from his heart. He loved the people and especially the children. To this day those same children, now adults adore him and his legacy. It was customary that Rev. Parson spend the night with some the church family, they were notified of this at the church meeting, before the third Sunday service. We were so happy when it was our time to have him in our home. He would talk and demonstrate the facts that he knew the Master. Our family felt the worth of this man and praised God for his pastor-ship. The church was the best thing ever for us in those days, and still is. We looked forward to our Sundays at church. It was Sunday school at nine O'clock, eleven O'clock services, always B.Y.P.U. there was the mid-week*

service, Wednesday night prayer service. The church was and is today a great institution of learning to serve both God and man.

It was not popular to be unchurched, you were and outsider in those days. I was thirteen when I came to know Christ for myself. I still am profoundly wanting to know more about him and his work on earth. All of the young people came to the mourner's bench, during the revivals at church to be prayed for and talked too by the older Christians. They would stay there with you singing, praying, and talking until you confessed your sins and wanted to be saved. The church made arrangements for baptism of the new converts. There was a branch (stream of water) down the hill in the back of the church. The men would go early in the morning and build a pond for the new candidates to be baptized. It was a gray wool long dress that I wore, with a white sheet around my shoulders and a white towel around my head. All of us dressed similar. Rev. Parson would wade down in the deep brownish colored water, and say those famous Biblical words, I baptize you my sister, in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen. I was very excited about my new life in Christ and the church. I still am! There has always been a great impression of



*Faith at the Communion Service, even today. To experience the cool water on your feet, in that big white bowl, the water splashing over your feet, and the tender feeling of being dried with big white towels., tucked at the waist of the women folk in doing their Christian duty. It develops in a young person certain values that stay a lifetime. The revivals came and went with much rejoicing and glorifying God. The summers were the most relaxing and pleasurable. The picnics we had in Burrell Smith's Woods. Everyone brought food and lemonade, there was always the baseball games and the greasy pole with five dollars at the top.*

*Mama and papa were always so proud of us, when we tried to do things and they expressed their feeling to us that to this day it has kept is in the church fellowship, god's people. Our father's mother, grandma Pauline was a Presbyterian, yet when she had the opportunity to visit our church which is Baptist, she praised God with her song, Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, since I laid my burden's down. She would walk down the isle swinging her hands and arms praising God. In those days the Spirit was vibrant, and it really ran from breast to breast. If we became restless as small children, our father would come over and give us a thump o the head, and*

give us that look, w knew to keep quite. What do you young-ons have to talk so much about, he say this to us when we got home. Mama said, Mr. William Martin was shouting near the pulpit where she had laid me down, as a very small baby, he stepped on my hand, I screamed to the top of the roof, Bro. Martin kept on shouting (Smiles). We have a future look now, the small children are now in their teens and the church is growing with young people. Our church was full of action, new ideas are being formed, programs, people working together, music, new songs and piano purchase.

The church was full f Praising God. At the special programs our Mother and Mrs. Mallie Satterfield were the best duets to sing in our church. Their best and favorites were, In My Father's House, In the Garden , and Rock of Ages. Rock of Ages was done in pantomime by mama as Mrs. Mallie sang. We would choke up and some would cry. At Christmas time the tree was beautiful. It was always a live tree cut from the woods around the church. The women and children with candy canes, popcorn, ribbons, and tinsels did the decorations. All the gifts were wrapped and tucked about the tree on the floor. Everyone got a gift. Brown bags of

*stripped stick candy, an orange, an apple, nuts, and sometime a bunch of dried raisins. We sang the carols and said prayers. The children were so happy and excited. Christmas was always a joyful blessing for all.*

*The church at Easter was another hopeful time for the people at Ararat Baptist Church. They rang the church bell for the Sunrise Prayer Service, and if we stood on our side porch we could see the people walking through the woods to the church. That meant we must hurry and not be late. Sunrise was at five thirty in the mornings. With sleepy eyes and empty stomachs we eased in unnoticed and lifted our voices in song. "He Is Risen".*

*Ms. Geraldine Jones came to our school to teach the fourth and fifth grades. She was very young like nineteen or twenty years of age. She lived with her parents in downtown Mt. Airy, both of her parents were in the school system. Her father was a principal, her mother a classroom teacher in the downtown elementary school. Miss Jones was an excellent teacher. She brought to the school Palmar's writing success. Music, Drama to the stage, domestics in cooking and sewing, she played the organ at our church always willing to be apart of the church life, as all the*



teachers were. Miss Jones played the piano at school and taught music lessons. Our church by this time had purchased a nice organ, it sounded so good, Miss Laura Johnson, another teacher who came later to our school, would come to our church from time to time and play the organ. She lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dyson. I loved the piano, as kids we use to pretend to be playing on the foot of the brass bed in the old bedroom, that another story. Time passed and I started to take piano lesson from Miss Jones, along with a schoolmate Alma Ceasar. We walked two or more miles to her home for our lessons. My Uncle Walter, then superintendent of the Sunday School told me I could do my practicing on the church organ. I was thirteen and a very proud little girl. My lessons improved rapidly and I was soon playing for the Sunday School services. I was so good that my Uncle Walter ask them to give me an inspirational gift. In my hand they gave me three dollars. Uncle Walter said so many good things that kept me striving for a long time. Each Sunday I was there when Uncle Walter rang the church bell for Sunday school. I was there on that stool peddling away with the sound of Where He Leads Me I Will Follow. Mr. Ernest Hickman would come in and I would play his song "Higher

Ground". When another song was needed I'd play "What a friend we have in Jesus". Then Mr. Ernest would start singing "Standing on the Promises". We sounded so good, then Mr. Ernest would cry and mama would say child you did good, I'd smile and feel so proud.

Church life was essential to the daily life of all black families, and still is today. The families were very close in those days, family values were stressed by all adults: if a child got out of his or her training any family adult in that community could and did speak with authority. Family values to make us and keep us human. There were no ignoring deep concerns of what is family. With these legacy's if we today don't learn from the past, we are doomed. My father saw the need that young boys could be better young men, so he organized a Boy Scout Program in the church. For many years the Scouts grew in strength and numbers. Their programs and activities joined with other neighboring groups on field trip etc. It was after the death of my father that the Boy Scout Program slowly ended in the church. It was their quest that the church be kept moving on with time. To commemorate over our deeply rooted past in our character and his, we are reminded as we honor the

*struggles of our people. As we look to the future through our children, we see ourselves, as others see us. Our family, our church, our schools, our higher institutes of learning, the conquest of nature, the existence of God, all laid the foundations of our youth. It may sound fanciful, the sounds of thunder and lightning but it was a time yet remembered, with very little change.*

*Basically man is the measure of all things. Say's the great Greek philosopher. So we give thanks to our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, for their faith in God, and the religious heritage that continues to flow in the lives of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

*Dear beloved old Ararat Baptist Church, still stands today. Amid the many changes in the times and lives of her people. She stands firm and strong because God still answers prayers of those wonderful christians, now sleeping. Ararat Baptist Church has welcomed in many a loss soul, happy tears for those who have gone to their final resting-place with God.*

*May those prayers of our forefathers prevail, and may those who carry on the work at Ararat Baptist Church be a continued*



*beacon light to save lost souls. May God Bless and Preserve Ararat Baptist Church.*

*The first Baptist Church in America was founded in 1665.*

*By: Gertrude Paulina Bowman McCloud  
Fourth child of Willie and Vinnie Bowman  
Mount Airy North Carolina  
Written July 14 & 15 1992*

*Ann & Linzy  
Bowman Sr.*

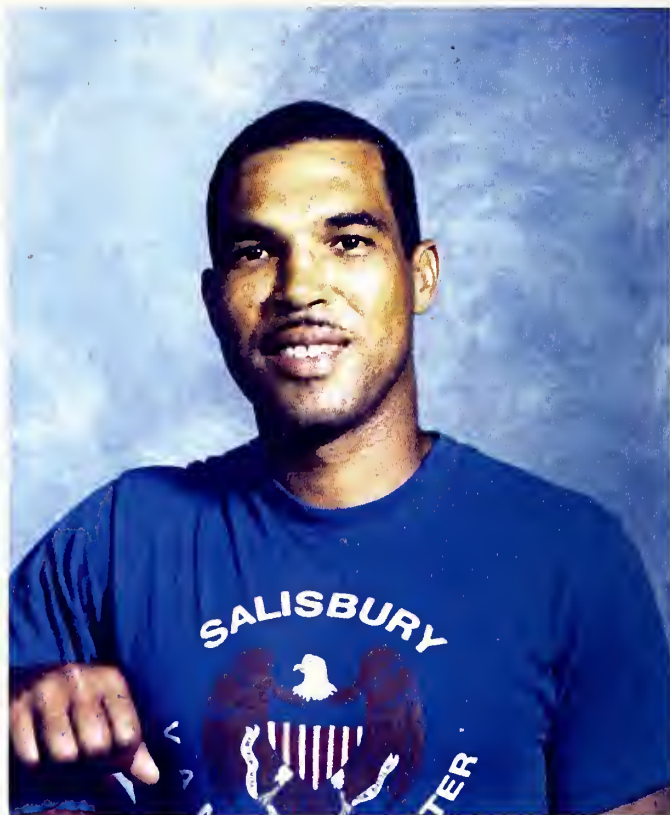


*Gertrude & Ernie  
McCloud*





*Sabrina Bowman*



*Linzey Bowman Jr.*



*Gary Bowman*



*Crystal Bowman*



## *Gracie Lee*



*Ms. Gracie was a very sweet and loving lady who loved Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. She always came to visit her church family and members of the community when she came back to North Carolina. She donated the picture of the "Last Supper" that hangs in our church.*

## **Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir**

He Senior Choir was started in the 1930's with 3 or 4 members who wanted to sing. Later a few more joined, sometimes walking to choir rehearsal at night. When Alice (Muchie) Green Moore was 13 years old, she took a few piano lessons and learned to play some hymns. She then began to play for the Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Choir.

In the late 1950's sister Alice Moore organized the first youth choir, a group of young girls and boys, called the "Little Choir", they sang at various churches in the area. They wore white robes with blue or red bows. As time passed, they grew up, some moved away and now, the only one from that choir that remains is Lydia Moore.

In the 1970's and 1980's the choir was mostly young adults. This group consisted of Betty Franklin, Matilda Ratcliff, Verna Joyce, Barbara Joyce, Alice Moore, Lydia Moore, Edward McDaniel and C. J. Carter. The church prospered from the benefits of that choir. That group with the help of most of the church raised money for the church, bought their robes, installed carpet in the church and parquet flooring in the foyer, bought the first air conditioners, and had major work done in the fellowship hall. They also had the back wall and walk paved to the kitchen. Of that group, there are 4 remaining members Alice Moore, Lydia Moore, C. J. Carter and Edward McDaniel.

Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir now has 8 members:

**Alice L. Moore**  
**Lydia Moore**  
**Faye Carter**

**Betty Rawley**  
**Jessie Patton**  
**Freder Joyce**

**C. J. Carter**  
**Edward McDaniel**





*In Loving  
Memory of  
Sister Belle  
Carter, who  
had been a  
member of  
Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
for many  
years. Belle  
had been a  
Sunday School  
Teacher,  
treasurer, and  
founding  
member of the  
adult choir.  
She will be  
greatly missed.*









*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Program Committee*



*Ethel & Walter  
Bowman*



*Virginia & Lee Roy  
Bowman*







*Nellie Fulton*



*Jesse D., Lee B., Walter J.*



*Walter M Bowman*



*Nettie Davis Barnes*



*Robert "Bud" Dyson*



*Nora F. Clark & Ethel Bowman*





*Jesse & Beatrice Dyson*



*Karen Patton*



*Dorothy Bowman*





*Thomas Jefferson Johnson  
Loutisha Smith Johnson*



*Jesse Dyson*



*Missionary Ladies*



*Ararat Missionary Ladies*



*Ararat Missionary Ladies*



*In Loving Memory of  
Deacon Weldon Joyce*



*Sis. Essie Joyce*





*Clint "CJ" Carter Jr.*



*Faye Carter*



*Barbara Joyce*



*Alice Lee Moore*



*Lydia Lee Moore*



*Betty Lou Rawley*



“ The end and reward of toil is rest”

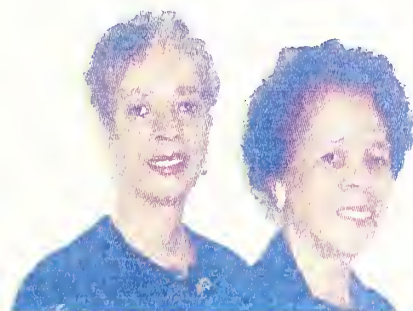
## In Loving Honor & Memory of Lydia Jane Green

Sister Lydia Jane Green was a faithful member of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church for many years until her health failed. She particularly enjoyed belonging to the Missionary Circle. She was a well-known citizen of the community and loved to visit the sick and shut-in, often carrying them items of food they liked. She was noted for her cooking skills.



People sent for her to cure pneumonia, which in those days were often fatal if not cured in Nine (9) days. A few of the people she cured of pneumonia were Leonard Penn (son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Penn), Dorothyreen Sawyers (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sawyers), and O'Neal Carter (son of Elder and Mrs. Gossie Carter). Her daughter and granddaughter are still members of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church.

Humbly submitted by her daughter,  
Sister Alice Lee (Muchie) Moore and  
Her granddaughter, Sister Lydia Moore.







*Essie Bowman*



*Walter & Ethel Bowman*



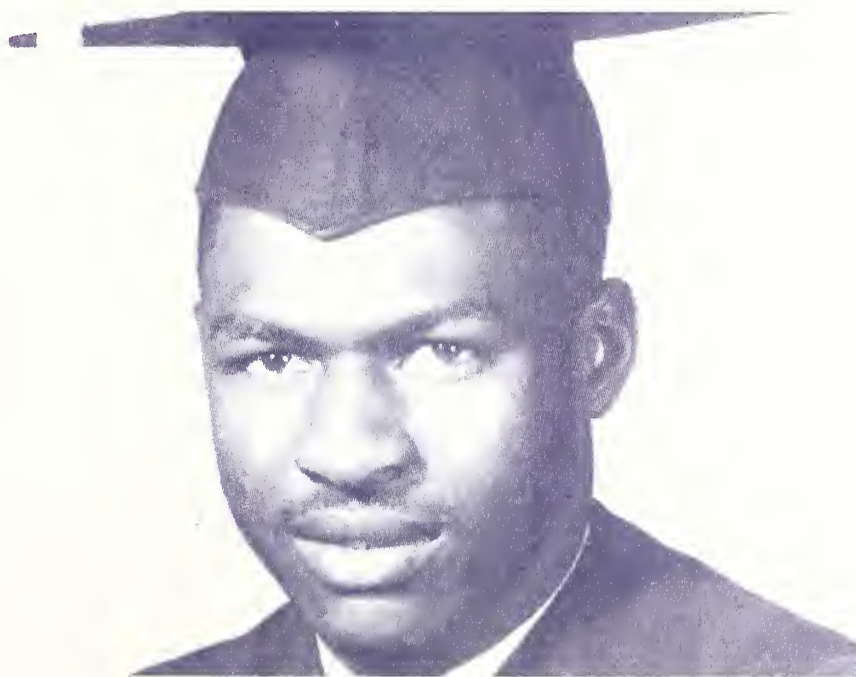
*Nicole, Viosha, & Fantayza*



*Tommy Rawley & Family*



*Fred & Jeff Johnson*



*Thomas "Buck" Rawley*



## *The Petals of a Rose*



*Rose Thompson was the daughter of the late Charlie and Nora M. Thompson. She married Sherman Dyson and had 5 children, Polly Shuff, Rosemary Green, Nora F. Clark, (deceased) and twin sons, Sherman and Jesse Dyson (deceased). Rose was a faithful member of Ararat Church, and the Missionary Circle. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a great cook, and loved to crotchet, and sew. Rose was a domestic worker in private homes until her employment at Renfro Hosiery Corp. where she worked for 32 years. Rose lived with her daughter Rosemary and son-in-law William, there will never be another Rose like our mother "Rose Dyson"*

*Submitted by her daughters*





*Chris Ferguson*



*Jim Ferguson*



*The Ferguson Family*



*Robert Ferguson*





*Rochelle Bowman Cozart*



*Tiffanie Bowman Moore*



*Michael A. Bowman*



*Tia N. Bowman*



# *Lydia Jane Greene & Family*



*Lydia & Alice L.*

*"Belle"*





*Jesse & Sherman Dyson*



*Walter Bowman*



*Marsh Bowman*



*Eva Penn  
Bowman*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
thank sister Eva  
Bowman for her  
dedication to  
Ararat Church.  
Eva has a willness  
to help where ever  
she could, and has  
a great dedication  
to sing. Sister Eva  
was our song  
leader for many  
years. She would  
always have  
several songs  
ready to sing  
during church.  
Sister Eva thank  
you for be a great  
christian leader.*



*Alice Lee Moore*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
thank sister  
Alice Lee Moore  
for her  
dedication in  
providing the  
music for the  
church for over  
"50" years.  
Thank you for  
all you do for  
Ararat Church.  
May God  
continue to bless  
you.*





*Marie Rawley  
Johnson*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
thank you for  
being a  
exceptional lady.  
She has a great  
love for her  
church and  
church family. She  
has been  
attending Ararat  
all of her life.  
When the church  
doors are opened  
you can find sister  
Marie giving  
praise to the Lord.*

*May god continue  
to bless you*



*Kathleen  
Thompson Mills*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
thank sister  
Kathleen  
Thompson Mills  
for being the  
Secretary for  
the Sunday  
School for over  
"60" years. May  
God continue to  
bless you*







*Mrs. Nettie Davis Barnes was born in Surry County on april 12, 1892, to Annie Clayton and Milus Graham. She departed this life 1-7-78 in North Wilkesboro N. C. She married Thomas Davis, from this union there were 1 step-son Claymon and 10 children, Bertha, Mary, Joe, Sadie, Rosie, Ed, Fred, Ann, Hallie, and Walter Thomas. She also raised 6 grandchildren, James, Terry, Rayland, Marcia Ann, Pam, and Nettie. In 1969 she married Rev. Elijan H. Barnes. She was a faithful memeber of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church, The Mission Circle and a Sunday School Teacher. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. Her favorite song was "At the Cross". She loved to cook and loved gardening. During World War 11 "Miss Net" along with other ladies made quilts for the Red Cross and for any needy family during that time. Her favorite saying "Be Good To Everyone"*

*Submitted by the family*

*Essie Satterfield  
Joyce*

*To the Mother's  
of the Church*

*We the members  
of Ararat  
Missionary  
Baptist Church  
would like to  
"thank you" for  
being the kind  
loving lady that  
you are. You  
have a great  
love for our  
church and the  
church family.*

*"Bless You".*







*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Members*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Group Picture*

*Emma F. Sawyers*



*Neal Sawyers*



*Emma Fulton Sawyers was a faithful member of Ararat Church & served on the Missionary Board*

*Neal Sawyers married Emma Fulton and they had four children. After Emma died he later married Cora Sawyers and they had 10 children. Mr. Sawyers was a farmer and his speciality was grafting trees.*





*Vera Sawyers Peavy*



*Alma Richmond & Mary Haynes*



*Floyd Bowman*

*Betty L. Rawley  
&  
Marie Johnson*



*William Thompson Jr.*

*Cora B. Hughes*







*Lillie T. Alexander*



*Elizabeth T. Holmes*



*Curtis E. Thompson*



*Betty Franklin*





*Tiffanie, Erica, Keisha, Anthony & Michael*



*John D. Thompson*





*Ararat 's Christmas Play*



*Faye Carter Play Director*





# *Ararat's Church Picnic*





*Ararat's  
Church Picnic*





*Ararat Missionary Ladies*







*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Project Committee*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Officers*

# *Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School*



*This Sunday School Class  
was taught by Velma "Belle" Green Carter. Her students  
were Alice L. Green Moore, Doretha Clark, Lucy Rawley,  
and Hallie Davis. We don't know the name of one of the  
students.*





*Ararat M. Baptist Youth & Young Adult Choir*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Deacon Board*





*Ararat M. Baptist Church Pastor & Deacons*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Mission Circle*





*Ladies of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church*



*Walter Bowman's Sunday School Class*



*Ararat's Senior Members*



*Marie Johnson,  
Clint Carter Sr.,  
& Odessa Joyce*



*Ararat 's Senior Members  
Arnelle Thompson, Essie Joyce, Mary Jarvis & Kathleen Mills*



*Ararat's Senior Members*



*Eva Bowman*





*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Officers*



*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Committee*

*Essie S. Joyce*



*Dorothy, Vera,  
Minnie,  
Lillie S. Roe & Alma*

*Ararat's Christmas  
Play*







*Ararat Missionary Baptist Church*

*To: Ararat Missionary Baptist Church Family*

*We the Program Committee would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to find pictures, to write down information about their families and for their different ideas. This book could not have been possible if everyone had not contributed.... May God continue to bless Ararat Missionary Baptist Church.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Program Committee*

*Edward McDaniel*

*Deborah Bowman*

*Jesse Patton*

*Christy Joyce*









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